



EVENT #2 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY ALEXANDRA PARK POP-UPS

DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND 2022

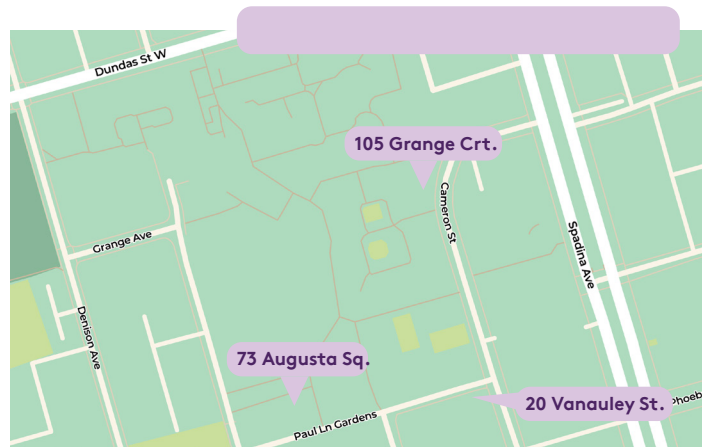
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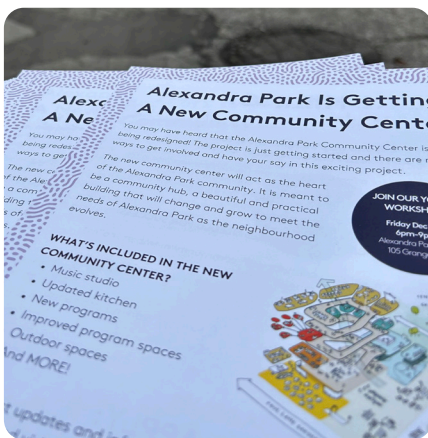
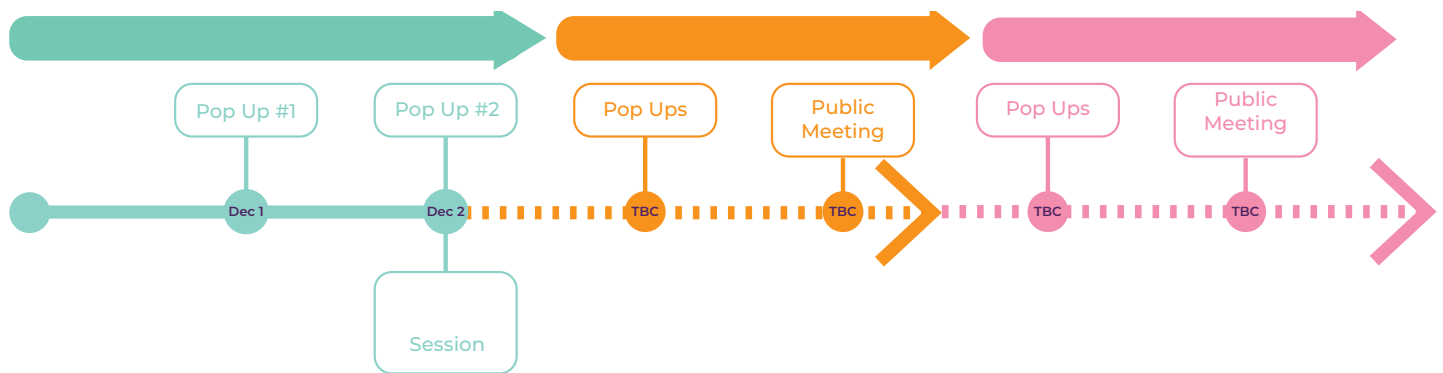
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INTRODUCTION

On December 1 and December 2, Karakusevic Carson Architects (KCA) and PROCESS held the second round of community events as Pop-Ups. The engagements also included visiting the AP Youth Gaming Night hosted weekly at the Alexandra Park Community Centre (APCC) to collect youth feedback and recommendations for the design of the new Alexandra Park Community Centre.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



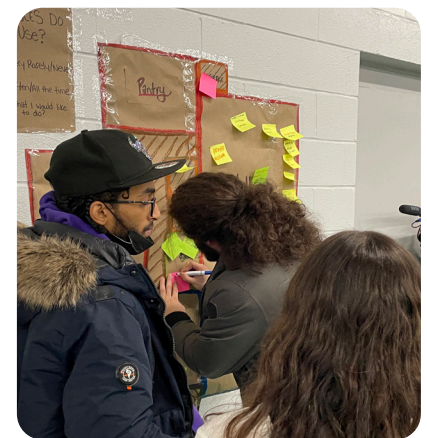
Promotion:

- Hand delivered promotional flyers.
- Flyers shared events details and the Project Engagement Coordinator job posting.



Pop-Ups:

- Conducted 4 pop-ups.
- Locations: 20 Vanauley, 73 Augusta Sq, A195 Grange Ct.
- Displayed mobile information boards and conducted intercept interviews.
- Shared Project Engagement Coordinator job posting, and how to apply.



Youth Engagement Session:

- Conducted a creative activity to seek youths input into the design.
- Gathered feedback on the types of activities and spaces they would like to see in their new community centre and how they use the space currently.
- Promoted the Project Engagement Coordinator job.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVES

- » To create excitement about the future of the APCC and ways to stay updated.
- » To engage with youth and residents that already access the space.
- » To understand what would encourage local people to use the future APCC.
- » To produce feedback, observations and insights that will inform the spatial brief.
- » To promote the Project Engagement Coordinator Role.

EVENT DETAILS

POP-UPS

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

WHEN

- » Thursday December 1, 2022
- » Friday December 2, 2022

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5pm-8pm

WHERE

- » 20 Vanauley
- » 73 Augusta Sq
- » Alexandra Park Community Centre, 195 Grange Crt

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WHO

- » General public

- » Local youth (13-29)

FORMAT

- » Information display boards
- » Intercept interviews

- » Facilitate creative activity to seek input into the design
- » Guided conversations
- » Information display boards

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- » What activities or programs do you currently attend?
- » What programs and activities do you think are missing at APCC or the neighbourhood in general?
- » Does the APCC currently feel like a safe place for everyone? Why or why not?

- » If you could give the architect designing the new APCC one piece of advice, what would it be?
- » How do you use APCC currently?
- » What types of activities would you like to do in the new community centre? *(what spaces need to be designed for these activities to happen)*
- » Does the APCC currently feel like a welcoming and comfortable space? Why or why not?



WHAT WE HEARD

Throughout the two days of engagements, members of the project team and APCC staff were on hand facilitating conversation and activities to seek feedback from the community about what kinds of spaces they would like to see in the new community centre. **Below are selected quotes, ideas and feedback gathered from the Pop Ups and Youth Engagement Session categorized by themes.**

POP-UP INSIGHTS

Dec 1st and Dec 2nd

Arts & Creative Spaces

"I would like to see a gallery space in the lobby"

"Woodworking shop"

"A theatre for kids, to watch spots and movies"

"Have a studio for making videos, making content"

"Include an auditorium"

"To have a small library"

Physical Health

"Yoga and mobility studios"

"As a diabetic I would benefit from having a gym where I can run, exercise is good for me"

"Exercise space for seniors, like a walking track"

"Indoor gym"

"Somewhere with exercise equipment"

"Somewhere to do Thai Chi because I see a lot of older people doing this"

Mental Health &

"Create a place for people to gather."

"A space for people to relieve stress."

"Create a space for mothers to meet and de-stress."

"Sitting space to sit and socialize"

Accessibility

"Have most of the program spaces accessible on the ground floor that elderly and those with disabilities can easily access."

"Have seating for the elderly and for those who are unhoused."

"Have words written in different languages, because this neighbourhood is very diverse."



YOUTH EVENT INSIGHTS

Dec 2nd

Technology

Video game room

"Somewhere to do video game design/game design and sports "

Keep video games

"I play video games here and would like to do this in the new community centre"

Fitness / Physical Health

"Workout area/ hot yoga/sauna"

"Senior workout class, mini golf"

"Separate youth space, gym/studio"

"Boxing ring, personal trainers"

"Indoor basketball court"

Music & Art

"Auditorium for meetings and performances"

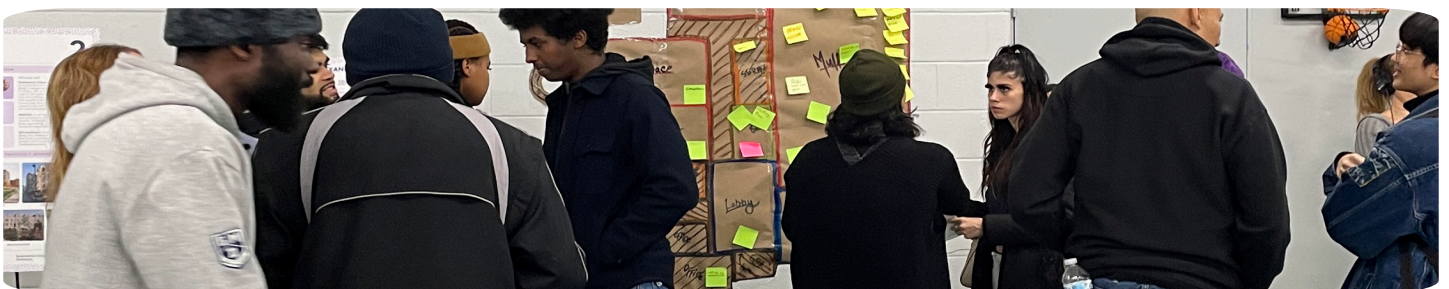
"More music, more sports, learning how to learn/make music, cooking"

"Art room"

"Have a separate music/ recording studio"

"Need a kids workshop to teach art"

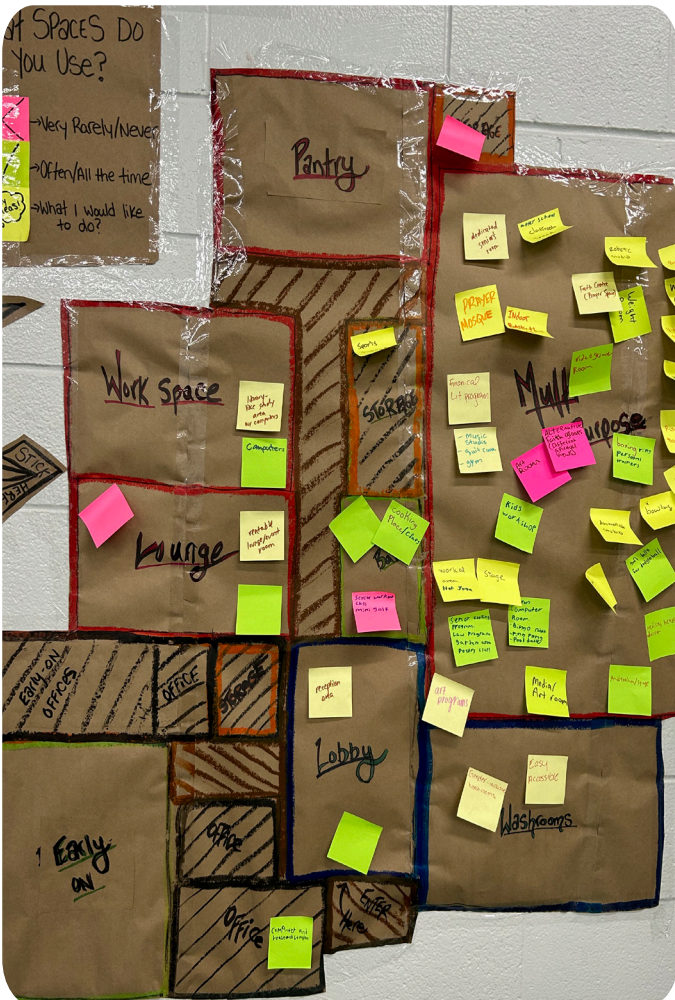
"A place for pottery classes"



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Community members and youth shared diverse ideas, but three key insights emerged across our conversations.

1. More programming space to accommodate wellness and physical health, and creativity.
2. Having a safe and inclusive space for all age groups.
3. A dedicated space for youth.



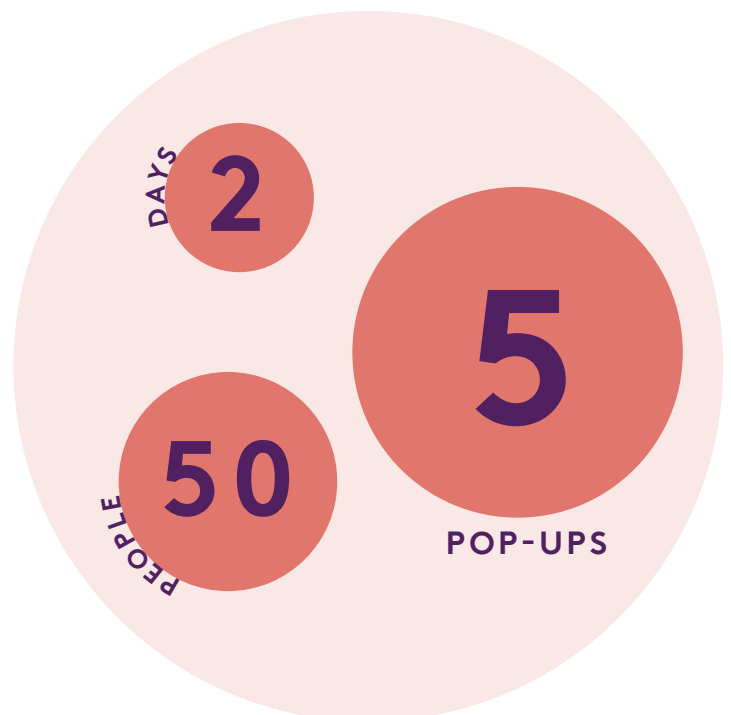
We need spaces to de-stress. It's lonely when you don't speak the language well and you want to meet people, there's no space to gather.

I would like to see a large gym for basketball, ball hockey, weight lifting, fitness gym, kids workshops and space just for youth!

APCC is a very comfortable space, there's no other place like it. This centre helped keep me busy so many times in my life. I would not be me if we did not have this positive and loving space.

ENGAGEMENT BY NUMBERS

As of January 2023, below is a snapshot of Phase 2B/Site 17 community engagements to date.



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